

## ABSTRACT

A transportation system is provided, in which a light-weight, small-sized vehicle can be used. This transportation system comprises a rail extending  
5 between stations, vehicle capable of running on the rail and carrying a drive unit, first zone for accelerating the vehicle from a stopped condition to a required speed by a propulsion force supplied from a propulsion supply unit provided from one of the stations toward the other station by a predetermined distance, and a second zone not having the propulsion supply unit, in which  
10 the vehicle accelerated in the first zone travels on the rail by the propulsion force supplied from the drive unit.